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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in

the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): An annunciator comprising an annunciation and

shutdown circuit having input terminals for a first power supply and input terminals for a

second power supply, the second power supply being a battery power supply;

said annunciation and shutdown eircuits circuit comprising:

i) sensor input circuits sensing electrically detected conditions and

generating fault catastrophic and noncatastrophic condition signals in response thereto;

digital display means;

iii) shutdown means for outputting a shutdown signal; and

iv) logic means comprising a microprocessor, sensor input circuit, polling

circuits controlled by the microprocessor, and a power mode switch controlled by the

microprocessor, said logic means arranged to respond to the fault signals generated by the

sensor inputs and causing the shutdown means to output a shutdown signal in response to a

catastrophic condition signal, said logic means also configured to cause the digital display

means to display fault catastrophic and noncatastrophic conditions;

said first and second power supplies connected to supply power in parallel

with each other to the such that either alone can power the entire annunciation and shutdown

circuit;

said annunciation and shutdown circuit configured power mode switch

arranged to configure the annunciation and shutdown circuit into normal and low power

modes, said normal power mode powering the entire circuit and said low power mode

powering the microprocessor, selected input polling circuits and digital display means and a

portion of the logic means;

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said logic means for responding arranged to respond to a fault catastrophic

condition signal causing the annunciation and shutdown circuit to switch to low power mode

upon sensing that a fault catastrophic condition signal has occurred.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An annunciator comprising an annunciation and

shutdown circuit having two power supplies, a first external power supply of an interruptible

nature and a second internal supply consisting of a non-interruptible primary battery;

said annunciation and shutdown circuit comprising:

i) sensor input circuits sensing electrically detected conditions and

generating fault catastrophic and noncatastrophic condition signals in response thereto;

digital display means:

iii) shutdown means for outputting a shutdown signal; and

iv) logic means arranged to respond to the fault condition signals

generated by the sensor inputs and causing the shutdown means to output a shutdown signal

in response to a catastrophic condition, said logic means also configured to cause the digital

display means to display fault catastrophic and noncatastrophic conditions;

said first and second power supplies connected to supply power in parallel

with each other to the annunciation and shutdown circuit such that the first power supply

supplies power only when it is greater in voltage than the second supply, whereby the service

life of said second supply is extended, and such that either alone can power the entire

annunciation and shutdown circuit;

said annunciation and shutdown circuit configured for operation from either

supply in normal and low power modes, said normal power mode powering the entire circuit

and the input sensing means and said low power mode powering the display and a portion of

the logic means;

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said logic means for responding to a fault arranged to respond to a catastrophic

condition signal while powered by either said first or second power supplies causing the

annunciation and shutdown circuit to switch to low power mode upon sensing that a fault

signal has occurred, thereby extending the service life of said second supply.

Claim 3 (original): The annunciator of claim 1 or 2, wherein the first power

supply is a capacitor discharge ignition system power supply.

Claim 4 (original): The annunciator of claim 1 or 2, wherein the first power

supply is a magnetic pickup.

Claim 5 (original): The annunciator of claim 1 or 2, wherein the first power

supply is a source of DC power.

Claim 6 (original): The annunciator of claim 2, wherein the annunciator

provides for two parallel connected external sources of power, where either or both function

as the first power supply.

Claim 7 (new): The annunciator of claim 1 or 2, wherein the logic means

comprises a microprocessor, power latch for the sensor input circuits, and multiplexer chips

for polling the sensor circuits.

Claim 8 (new): The annunciator of claim 7, wherein in the low power mode,

the microprocessor is powered.

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Claim 9 (new): The annunciator of claim 7, wherein in the low power mode, the microprocessor and multiplexer chips are provided.